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1. THE FEB 9 MEETING OF THE US SPANISH COUNCIL AT THE LEVEL OF
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ESTABLISHED FORMALLY THE US SPANISH
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO AND INSTRUCTED THIS
COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO
THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THE
COMMITTEE WAS TO BEGIN ITS WORK BY CONSIDERING THE INFORMAL
LIST OF SHORT TERM MEASURES GIVEN BY THE AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN
MINISTER OREJA LAST JULY (REF C). SPURRED BY THE PROSPECT OF
AN EARLY COUNCIL MEETING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOW INTENDS TO

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CONVENE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON MAY 2.

2. ALTHOUGH ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE SHORT TERM LIST GIVEN
THE SPANISH LAST SUMMER HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY (COUNCIL PERMANENT SECRETARY CUERVO) HAS ASKED IF WE
COULD PROVIDE SOONEST SOME ADDITIONAL MEASURES APPROPRIATE TO

THE POST ELECTION PERIOD.

3. IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS REQUEST PRIOR TO THE IN HOUSE MEETING BY THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY APR 23 IT IS OUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE ON A COMPLETELY INFORMAL AND ILLUSTRATIVE BASIS SUBJECT TO THE DEPT'S PREFERENCES THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL LIST OF ILLUSTRATIVE AREAS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. THIS LIST IS DRAWN IN ITS ENTIRELY FROM THAT CONTAINED IN REF E, UNDER MEDIUM TERM MEASURES. BEGIN TEXT.

ILLUSTRIVE AREAS FOR DISCUSSION

THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE ADDITIONAL TO THOSE CONTAINED IN THE LIST PROVIDED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON JULY 20, 1976.

VISITS OF PARLIAMENTARIAN FROM ALLIED COUNTRIES TO SPAIN
CONTACTS BETWEEN THENEW SPANISH PARLIAMENT AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY. IN ADDITION TO OTHER WESTERN PARLIAMENTARY BODIES.

DISCUSSION OF NATO INTEROPERABILITY EFFORTS.

VISITS BY RANKING SPANISH MILITARY OFFICERS TO APPRPRIATE NATO HEADQUARTERS AND POSSBILE RECIPROCAL VISITS.

SPANISH OBSERVERS AT EXERCISES HELD UNDER NATO AUSPICES.
LARGER DCALE AND MORE EXTENSIVE JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES WITH INDIVIDUAL ALLIED FORCES.

A HIGHER LEVEL OF BILATERAL TRAINING IN SPAIN AND IN ALLIED COUNTRIES.

PLANNING TOWARD LINKAGE OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS;

CALLS AT SPANISH PORTS BY NATO NAVAL UNITS. END TEXT.

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4. FROM THE MADRID PERSPECTIVE IT WOULD SEEM WE ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE SPANISH ELECTIONS (SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15) TO WARRENT BEGINNING VERY CAREFULLY TO EXPLORE MORE CLOSELY WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITH THE ALLIES ONCE A PARLIAMENTARY DEMCRACY IS FUNCTIONING IN SPAIN.
IN ANY EVENT, TO FAIL TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO THIS LASTES FOREIGN MINISTRY INITIATIVE COULD ONLY LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDING.STABLER

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